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☐ 4. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

☐ 5. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

☐ 6. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. _____ filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier

filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached.
37 CFR §1.98(d).

☒ 7. English-language Abstracts and/or translations are attached to the non-English language references.

☒ 8. Other: The reference was cited in the Partial European Search Report issued 15 January 2010, a copy of which is enclosed. The other references cited therein have already been disclosed in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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